



## **DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Terri M. Lee**  
**Director - Bureau of Housing**

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### **BIOGRAPHY**

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Ms. Terri M. Lee began her career as the Director of the Bureau of Housing with the Department of Planning and Community Development in November 2004. In addition to managing the day-to-day operations of the Bureau, Ms. Lee is responsible for playing a key role in the City of Atlanta's initiative to create 10-thousand new, affordable, workforce housing units by 2009.

Under her leadership, the Bureau of Housing is expanding its existing role to become a major stakeholder in the development of an affordable housing policy for the City of Atlanta. Ms. Lee and her team also manage eight (8) major housing programs including the Multi-family Housing Program, the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program, and the Down Payment Assistance Program as well as economic development activities totaling \$25 million.

Prior to making a career move to Atlanta, Ms. Lee was the Deputy Director of the Office of Housing and Community Development for the City of Jackson in Mississippi. While in this role, Ms. Lee was responsible for oversight of several federal housing programs such as, the Community Development Block Grant and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. While there, she managed a project budget of approximately \$15 million. Additionally, she led the effort to create a community development policy, which included developing an employer assisted housing program for the local school district, revamping the City's land bank authority ordinance, and establishing a tax abatement program for multifamily development. Prior to that, Ms. Lee was responsible for developing the State of Mississippi's five year plan for housing and community development and designing the program requirements for the State's housing initiatives totaling over \$20 million.

Ms. Lee has received her designation as a Certified Community Developer from the University of Central Arkansas. She holds a Masters of Public Policy and Administration from Jackson State University and a Bachelors Degree in Public Administration from Grambling State University in Grambling, Louisiana, which is her home state.